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Applicant : Jon H. Bechtel et al.  
For : VEHICLE EQUIPMENT CONTROL WITH SEMICONDUCTOR  
LIGHT SENSORS

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Dear Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are submitted herewith along with Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents:

1. WO 99/47396 discloses a system for detecting condensation on a windshield and for controlling vehicle headlamps. The particular pertinence of WO 99/47396 is readily apparent from the English language Abstract and the drawings.
2. German Patent No. 44 24 454 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,818,600, a copy of which is enclosed.
3. WO 95/01561 discloses an apparatus for detecting moisture on a surface. The particular pertinence of WO 95/01561 is readily apparent from the English language Abstract and the drawings.
4. DE 19 526 249 discloses an apparatus for detecting water on a vehicle windshield and controlling windshield wipers.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not

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constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

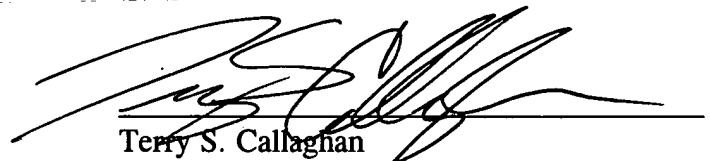
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Respectfully submitted,

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